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SUBJECT: MEXICAN CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMISSION
ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

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1. THE BRITISH CHARGE HAS NEVER HEARD OF THIS WHOLE MATTER.

2. FRANKLY, I AM DISTURBED ABOUT THIS SUBJECT BECAUSE
WE DO SEEM OUT IN FRONT. WORTHY AS THE RULES OF THE GAME
ARE AT THE CND IN GENEVA, THEY ARE NO MORE
THAN AN ORAL INFORMAL TRADITION. WHILE
IT WOULD BE NICE IF MEXICO PLAYED BY THE RULES, THEY
OBVIOUSLY ARE PRESSING TO MOVE FORWARD. HAVING SEEN THE
DEDICATION WITH WHICH MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT (IN EFFECT
PRIME MINISTER) MOYA PALANCIA CHAIRED THE UN REGIONAL
POPULATION CONFERENCE IN MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT SESSIONS
DURING ITS ENTIRE SIX DAYS OF PROCEEDINGS,
I AM SURE THAT OJEDA PUALLADA WOULD SHOW
SAME ASSIDUOUSNESS IN CHAIRING CND, IF ELECTED.

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3. OJEDA PAULLADA IS BRIGHT, HE IS ACTIVE AND WE DEPEND ON HIS COOPERATION AND ENTHUSIASM TO A VERY GREAT EXTENT. CONSEQUENTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL HIM THAT WHILE THE RULES OF THE GAME ARE WELL-KNOWN, IF MEXICO FEELS THAT IT HAS SOME CHANCE OF ACQUIRING A MAJORITY, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO VOTE FOR MEXICO ON THE SECRET BALLOT. THIS WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF (A) MAKING CLEAR THE FACTS, (B) ENSURING THAT MEXICO CANVASSES ITS VOTES CAREFULLY BEFORE EMBARKING, AND (C) ENSURING THAT WE DO NOT STAND OUT IN "OPPOSITION" TO MEXICO'S ASPIRATIONS BUT WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE A CERTAIN SACRIFICE IN CONTRIBUTING TO SUCH A MAJORITY, IF SUCH IS INDEED FEASIBLE.

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